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Title: CALLOUS PLANE
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 relate to the subject matter of the present invention and are brought to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.98.

The International Search Report dated 10 August 2006 received in corresponding International Patent Application No. PCT/DE2005/000402 identifies six (6) references that are not in the English language. Specifically, references EP 0 323 796 A cited as an X reference, EP 1 216 664 A cited as a Y reference and DE 33 20 594 A1 cited as an A reference are not in the English language however English language abstracts have been provided. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) and MPEP 609, a concise explanation of the non-English language information has been provided.

The remaining three (3) references were identified as follows: FR 376 901 A was cited as an X reference; FR 2 064 677 A was cited as a Y reference and FR 515 352 A was cited as an X reference. An English-language version of the above referenced International Search Report has been provided confirming such citations as either an "X", "Y" or "A" reference. In addition, an English-language version of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability is provided herein,

which identifies EP 0 323 796 A and provides an English-language discussion of a portion of its contents. Once again, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(3)(i) and MPEP 609, a concise explanation of the non-English language information has been provided.

While this statement contains all the relevant information presently known to the applicant, it should not be interpreted as a representation that an exhaustive search has been conducted or that no other relevant information exists. Also, this statement should not be interpreted as a representation that any cited reference is prior art, or that any cited reference is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56. The applicant invites the Examiner to make an independent evaluation of each cited reference, copies of which are enclosed, to determine their relevance to the subject matter of the present application.

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Finally, the applicant urges that the claims are patentable over the disclosed information.

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